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Veterans Monument Dedicated

After years of planning and attention to every detail, the Newburgh Town Council and the Veterans Monument Committee unveiled the completed Newburgh Veterans Monument at the July 26, 2008 dedication. Joined by the American Legion Kapperman Post 44 and the Sons of the American Revolution, the monument was dedicated in honor of all veterans - past, present, and future. Present at the dedication was State Senator Vaneta Becker who saluted

veterans and their contribution to our country. The project was funded by the sale of memorial bricks, individual and corporate donations, Historic Newburgh, Inc., and the Town of Newburgh. Memorial brick purchases will be available each year. Orders must be received by Labor Day and will be placed at the monument by Veterans Day each year. Order forms are available at Town Hall, 23 West Jennings Street, or on the Town website www.newburgh-in.gov.

Shari Sherman, Veterans Monument Committee Chair

Town's Preservation Efforts Recognized



Steward Sebree, Director of the Southwest Field Office of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, presented the 2008 Award for Preservation from the foundation to the Newburgh Town Council for its efforts in the restoration and rehabilitation of Preservation Hall at 200 State Street. This project was completed with funding from a Community Focus Fund grant from the State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Rentals of the upper level Ebenezer Hall are available. Information is available at Town Hall or call 853.3578.

Anne Rust Aurand, Preservation Hall Committee Chair



Police Patrol River

The Newburgh Police Department launches a new resource to help enforce laws on the Ohio River. The Warrick County Sheriff's Department surplused a dive team boat to Newburgh earlier this year. Chief Sprinkle, with help from his fellow officers, reconditioned and detailed the boat and had it water ready for the 4th of July fireworks. The boat will aid officers during events that take

place in and around the river. Over the last several years, the only law enforcement agencies patrolling the river in this area were the Kentucky State Police and the Division of Natural Resources. No local law enforcement agencies have had a presence on the river until now. Chief Sprinkle is looking forward to making the waters a safer place for all to enjoy.

Bill Kavanaugh, Police Commissioner

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

Citizens of Newburgh, please be reminded not to throw grass, limbs, leaves, yard debris or obstructions of any kind in the drains, sewers, ditches, or gutters. This causes serious problems during rains by clogging drains and constricting water flow. It also pollutes our rivers and streams and is damaging to the environment. If these are not enough reasons, keep in mind that it is illegal and violators are subject to a fine.

Frank Hijuelos

Director of Planning and Development

Sister Cities International

As an organization designed to promote grassroots diplomacy among citizens, Sister Cities International was organized by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 and continues today as a vital means to bring together ordinary citizens in an effort to discover their commonalities. As the Town of Newburgh's Sister City ambassador, and a member of the Local Government Leadership Circle for Sister Cities International, Anne Rust Aurand attended the annual conference held this summer in Kansas City. The Town of Newburgh established its Sister City relationship with Newburgh Lancashire England in 1992 and has maintained a close relationship since then.



Mary Jean Eisenhower with Anne Rust Aurand at the conference. Ms. Eisenhower remains active in worldwide citizen diplomacy.

Street Superintendent Named

John Heck, a 19 year veteran of the Newburgh Street Department, was named Street Superintendent on April 28, 2008, upon the retirement of John Fischer. A talented equipment operator and supervisor, John comes to this position with a wealth of knowledge and experience. John and Misty, his wife of 20 years, have two daughters, Brittney and Courtney.

Alonzo Moore, Street Commissioner



Delta Queen

The Delta Queen is the last survivor of a once thriving fleet of steam sternwheelers plying the inland waters of the United States carrying overnight passengers on the Mississippi tributaries. The steam engine is still pumping, the paddle wheel is still turning, the whistle is still blowing, and the calliope still playing, but she may be forced out of commission unless Congress acts.



The Delta Queen is of great historic importance and has a rich history on the inland waterways. She is a U.S. flagged vessel with an all American crew. During World War II, the Delta Queen was commissioned by the United States Navy to serve as a troop transport ferry in the San Francisco Bay. She is a registered historic treasure of the Department of the Interior and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She is a National Historic Landmark and is also a member of the National Maritime Hall of Fame.

Nine consecutive times since 1968, the Delta Queen has received an operating exemption from Congress acknowledging her wooden superstructure. Legislation, H.R. 3852, has been introduced in the House of Representatives which would again extend the fire-retardant materials construction exemption from November 2008 to 2018. This bill has been referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; however, Representative Jim Oberstar, committee chair, has refused to call the bill to vote to extend the exemption. If action is not taken before November 1, 2008, the exemption will expire and the 82-year old Delta Queen will be taken out of commission.

Citizens and visitors to Newburgh have rallied around this historic treasure and signed petitions in an attempt to persuade lawmakers to extend the special exemption. Over 1250 signatures have been obtained. The Town Council of Newburgh also passed a resolution stating its support of Congress moving forward in extending this exemption. Other communities along the river have followed suit.

The petitions and resolution have been forwarded to Congressman Brad Ellsworth who has co sponsored H.R. 3778 which would extend the Delta Queen's exemption through 2018. Citizens are encouraged to contact their representatives to garner their support of the continued exemption.

News from NFVA

Eighteen year old Beth Braden of Newburgh, a Castle High School senior and a cadet captain in the Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association, was one of the few selected from a pool of applicants from across the country to participate in Camp Inferno in Overland Park, Kansas, a week long program to educate teenage girls about careers in fire and emergency services. Beth learned how to put out live fires, rappel, perform vehicle extrications, and rescue victims in confined spaces. The attendees also learned CPR and self defense tactics. Congratulations, Beth. Alonzo Moore, Fire Commissioner

Attention Pet Owners

The Newburgh Parks Board and the Newburgh Police Department remind you that it is your responsibility to clean up after your pets and to walk them on a leash. Please help us in our efforts to keep our parks and community clean and beautiful. Failure to comply with the Town ordinance will result in a ticket. Special dispensers and receptacles will be available along with many other amenities on the Rivertown Trail once it is completed. Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner



view was organized by Center Manager Pam Hijuelos in June. The twenty member band is under the direction of Colleen Martin. Kazooing is one of the many unique activities offered at the non-profit Newburgh Senior Center located at 529 Jefferson Street. Stop by or call 853.5627 to reserve the *Kazoo Revue* for your upcoming function. Donations are accepted.

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Senior Kazoo Band Debuts

On August 19, Seniors from the Newburgh Senior Center held a debut kazoo concert with the Old Dam Community Band at the Ohio Township Central Library. *The Olde Newburgh Senior Center New Kazoo Revue*



Barge Tours Depart from Newburgh Riverfront

For centuries the rivers of America have been an integral part of the transportation network carrying goods and commodities vital to the nation's economy. Through the heart of the Ohio River basin, the 981 mile long Ohio River carries the largest volume of water of any of the Mississippi River tributaries. In the late 1800s, the Army Corps of Engineers was charged with undertaking a canalization project, a series of locks and dams that created slack water pools.

The project was completed in 1929. This system allowed for the moving of millions of tons of goods in a timely and efficient manner, and it contributed notably to the American war effort in World War II. In the 1950s, the Corps undertook the Ohio River Navigation Modernization Program to replace the obsolete system of wicket dams. A part of this project, the Newburgh Locks & Dam project began in 1966 and was completed in 1975, but the Corps of Engineers' role in providing a safe navigational infrastructure along the Ohio River is an ongoing process. On August 18, the Indiana Corn Marketing Council and Association offered educational barge tours on the Ohio River to allow an opportunity to experience the mechanics of river transportation, hear local businesses explain how they utilize the river, and discover history of the area. With rising fuel costs, efficient river transportation has never been more important to Indiana's agricultural and industrial sectors. District 8 Congressman Brad Ellsworth and Minnesota Congressman Collin Peterson, Chair of the Agricultural Committee, joined the tours to discuss transportation issues and the need to enhance lock operations along the river corridor.



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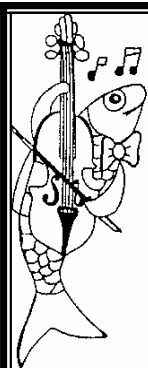
Prepared by Cynthia E. Burger, Town Manager

Congressman Brad Ellsworth discussed transportation issues with Town Attorney Tom Bodkin as Town Council members Shari Sherman, Alonzo Moore, and Bill Kavanaugh look on. Invited guests from Alcoa, Mulzer Crushed Stone, U.S Army Corps of Engineers, the Corn Growers Association, the Soybean Council, and the Waterways Council attended the tours.

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Newburgh Fiddler Fest

The 28th Annual Fiddler Fest is scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
September 26, 27, and 28 at the Old Lock & Dam Park

Sponsored by Historic Newburgh, Inc.
Featuring the famed catfish dinners, live music, and entertainment
A Newburgh Tradition

Recently acquired from the City of Evansville, the Newburgh trolley debuted at the Historic Newburgh Wine and Arts Fest. With funds from the Newburgh Merchants Association, Historic Newburgh, Inc., and the Town, the trolley has been refurbished and will be used for various Town festivals and special events.

Newburgh Trolley Rolls

